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investment. It's absolutely impossible for communities the size of the communities that...where I live and which are largely in the 70 smaller and mid-sized counties of the state. So those counties have not shared in the benefits of this incentive program that has been available to larger corporations. This is strictly a small town, a small county bill that covers the...you might say the underbelly of economic development. It covers the small businesses that can come to a small community that employ 5, or 10, or 15, or up to 30. So it gets in under LB 775, where LB 775 is not even feasible to smaller...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...communities. So on that basis, I would oppose Senator Beutler's amendment. The phrase "without further authorization of the Legislature", obviously, keys it into further legislative action to extend this bill, which sunsets in the year 2004. Under the committee amendments I think is clear enough and the committee amendments should stand. So I would ask that you not support Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Coordsen, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. First of all, coming from the Revenue Committee, really what the language that Senator Beutler is proposing to strike, the first doesn't make, I think, altogether that much difference, the first part about the Legislature. We simply took that language from the Quality Jobs Act. The other, however, is important because I think we need a date to have an application filed by rather than approved, because if an interested investor, locally, or statewide, or wherever, is at the mercy, I guess, of the people who have to approve an agreement, then a time line doesn't mean very much. I think that we ought to afford those the same type of treatment we do applications in the other problem...other incentive. I want to share with you just briefly though something that came to my mind when Senator Hilgert and Senator Matzke were having a discussion, and Senator Hilgert mentioned the agricultural income, whether that was in the county average salaried income, and of course it is not, nor are professional people or business